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Wood River/Shell Oil Company
Subpart F Groundwater Monitoring

October 13, 1983

Mr. Chuck Walls
Shell Oil Company
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Dear Mr. Walls:

Due to a recently published GAO report and some information submitted to the press by this Agency, I understand that Shell Oil Company received some negative publicity concerning its groundwater monitoring program. Evidently, Shell Oil Company was improperly and incorrectly reported as being in noncompliance.

An analysis of the status of Shell Oil Company shows that it is in compliance with all parts of its groundwater monitoring requirements. Shell Oil Company has submitted a waiver demonstration in accordance with 40 CFR §265.90(c).

Hopefully, this letter will mitigate any misunderstandings which have developed as a result of the GAO report and subsequent news articles concerning your facility. The Agency has also issued a press release in reponse to the GAO report which should correct some of the misunderstanding concerning the groundwater monitoring program.

I look forward to the continued good working relationship between Shell Oil Company and the Agency. If I may be of any further assistance regarding this matter, please advise.

Sincerely,

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